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SEC. KISSINGER

THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE FREELY TRANSLATED TRANSCRIPT OF
A PRESS CONFERENCE BY TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER MELIH ESENBEL
FOLLOWING HIS MEETING TUESDAY (MARCH 11) WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER.

(BEGIN TEXT)

SEMIH AKBIL (MFA SPOKESMAN)--DO YOU WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS OR
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SHOULD THE MINISTER BRIEF YOU?

ESENBEL--I HAVE TO LEAVE BY FIVE AFTER ONE.

Q: DID HE (KISSINGER) BRING ANY PROPOSALS?

A: KISSINGER FIRST DWELT ON THE QUESTION OF THE CESSATION OF MUTUAL AID BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES. STARTING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, EVERY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT IS IN TOUCH WITH THE CONGRESS AND THERE ARE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BASICALLY ERRONEOUS DECISION TO CUT AID WHICH WAS PUT INTO FORCE TEMPORARILY, THEN RESCINDED, AND THEN PUT INTO EFFECT AGAIN. IN FACT, MANY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS DO REALIZE THE DECISION WAS WRONG AND HE (KISSINGER) ADDED THAT HE HAS HIGH HOPES THAT THE DECISION WHICH WAS TAKEN IN OCTOBER AND, AS I HAVE POINTED OUT, RESCINDED TEMPORARILY AND THEN PUT INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 5, WILL BE REVOKED. AT PRESENT, THE ISSUE IS BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND WILL BE GOING TO THE FULL SENATE AFTERWARDS. THEN IT WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE HOUSE. HE ALSO SAID THAT SENATOR HUMPHREY, WHO WAS VICE PRESIDENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1968, HAS ACCEPTED TO STEER THIS MOTION THROUGH THE SENATE. IN OTHER WORDS, SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, FROM WHATEVER PARTY THEY MAYBE, WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SEEING THAT THIS ACTION GOES THROUGH THE SENATE. HE REPEATEDLY SAID THAT THIS MOTION WOULD GO THROUGH THE SENATE SUCCESSFULLY IN A FEW WEEKS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THERE WILL BE EASTER HOLIDAYS AND THAT HE WILL BE IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR ANOTHER 10 TO 12 DAYS. WHEN HE GOES BACK, HE PERSONALLY WILL CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS.

Q: WILL HE (KISSINGER) BE GOING TO GREECE?

A: I DON'T THINK SO. HE TALKED WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER EARLIER. I DO NOT THINK HE WILL BE GOING NOW.

Q: WITH MY EARLIER QUESTION WHAT I MEANT WAS, DID HE BRING ANY PROPOSALS OR A PLAN WITH RESPECT TO TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AND BILATERAL TALKS?

A: I AM TRYING TO GO THROUGH OUR DISCUSSION IN THE ORDER IN WHICH IT TOOK PLACE, IN ORDER TO SAVE SOME TIME. FIRST, WE DWELT ON THE MATTER OF AID. WE EXPLAINED TO HIM TURKEY'S UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTITUDE AND WE INDICATED THAT IT HAS DAMAGED TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THAT IT WOULD CREATE SEVERE WOUNDS IF IT CANNOT BE RESOLVED SOON. AND HE SHARED COMPLETELY OUR POINT OF VIEW. FIRST, I WANT TO MENTION WHAT WE CALL MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, BECAUSE IT IS CLOSELY CONCERNED WITH TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THESE RELATIONS, OF COURSE, HAVE JURIDICAL IMPORTANCE. NOW, IF YOU WANT, LET'S MOVE TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE.

ON THE MATTER OF CYPRUS, KISSINGER'S MAIN DESIRE IS THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES. HE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH US THAT A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM CAN BE FOUND THROUGH THIS MEANS. SO THE DISCUSSIONS WILL START. IT MAY NOT BE IN NICOSIA. IT MAY BE SOMEWHERE ELSE. THEY WILL START ON THE

BAIS OF EARLIER PRINCIPLES, WITH SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS.
ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO DECISION YET FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
IT SEEMS THAT THE PARTIES WILL COME TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE
BUT PERHAPS UNDER A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FORMULA.

Q: WHAT TYPE OF DIFFERENCES?

A: WHEN YOU SAY DIFFERENCES, YOU ARE THINKING OF MEMBERS OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATING OR SOME OF THE SO-CALLED
NONALIGNED COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING. THIS WILL NOT BE THE
CASE. I CAN ASSURE YOU ON THAT.

Q: NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING?

A: THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE. TURKEY DEFINITELY CANNOT ACCEPT
IT. THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL KNOW THAT TURKEY
DEFINITELY CANNOT ACCEPT IT. SO THERE WILL NOT BE SUCH
A DECISION.

Q: WHAT ARE THE TWO THINGS THAT YOU MENTIONED?

A: ONE IS PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AND THE OTHER IS PARTICIPATION BY THREE MEMBERS OF THE NON-
ALIGNED COUNTRIES. THAT WAS THE MAIN PRINCIPLE. WE DEFINITELY
COULD NOT ACCEPT IT. WE DID NOT ACCEPT IT. AND IT WILL NOT HAPPEN.
REST ASSURED OF THIS. SECOND, THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO SEND A
FACT FINDING MISSION FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CYPRUS.
WE STRONGLY OPPOSED THAT. THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN EITHER.
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IN OTHER WORDS, TO GO THERE TO ESTABLISH FACTS, TO TUDY...AS A
MATTER OF FACT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR IT, THERE WAS NO
NEED FOR IT. THERE IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
THERE, MR. WECKMANN IS THERE. THERE IS ALSO THE PEACE-
KEEPING FORCE. THE RED CROSS ALSO SENDS MISSIONS FROM TIME
TO TIME. THER IS NO SENSE IN A UNITED NATIONS TEAM GOING IN
TO STUDY CONDITIONS ON THE SPOT. TURKEY DEFINITELY
OBJECTED TO THAT AND IT WILL NOT BE INCORPORATED IN THE (UN)
RESOLUTION. THAT WAS WHAT THE GREEKS WERE AIMING AT, AND
NONE OF THE THREE WILL TAKE PLACE.
NOW, WHAT WAS IT HE (KISSINGER) BROUGHT? WHAT WERE HIS
IDEAS? HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY FIRM PLANS CONCERNING THE SOLUTION
OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE CAN BE ASSURED OF THAT. IN
OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A KISSINGER PLAN,
A KISSINGER PROJECT. WHAT HE WISHES AND WHAT HE IS TRYING
TO DO IS TO GET A RESUMPTION OF THE DISCUSSIONS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AND TO REACH A DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WHILE STATING THIS, HE HAS NO INTENTION OF ASKING TURKEY TO
WITHDRAW FROM HER BASIC THESIS. THAT IS NOT HIS INTENTION
NOR HAS HE EXPRESSED SUCH AN IDEA. HE WANTED TO HAVE AN
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HOW THE DISCUSSION COULD BE SPEEDED UP,
UNDER CONDITIONS PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF TURKEY AND THE

TURKISH CYPRIOTS. AND, OF COURSE, HE EXPRESSED THE POINT OF VIEW RELEVANT TO HIM AND WE EXPRESSED, FOR OUR PART, OUR POINT OF VIEW BASED ON CONDITIONS AS WE SEE THEM. BUT THERE IS NO KISSINGER PLAN. THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED BY DISCUSSIONS, FIRST AMONG THE DIRECTLY INTERESTED PARTIES AND, ONCE A CERTAIN LEVEL IS REACHED, TO THE POINT OF AN AGREEMENT, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF TURKEY AND GREECE. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.

Q: WILL BRITAIN REMAIN AS A GUARANTOR POWER?

A: BRITAIN IS A GUARANTOR POWER AND WILL REMAIN SO AS LONG AS SHE WANTS TO. IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO BRITAIN. IT IS NOT A MATTER THAT IS BEING GIVEN ATTENTION CURRENTLY. IN DEFINING THE FRAMEWORK OF A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, I WANT TO REITERATE THAT THERE CANNOT BE A SOLUTION BEYOND THIS FRAMEWORK.

Q: AS A RESULT OF THIS TRIP, COULD WE EXPECT ANY DEVELOPMENT
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WITHIN NATO AIMED AT MEETING TURKEY'S URGENT NEEDS?

A: MR. KISSINGER IS PRESSING TO HAVE TURKEY'S URGENT NEEDS MET WITHIN NATO AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE IS WORKING TO HAVE THE DECISION OF CONGRESS REVERSED. HE IS CLOSELY INTERESTED IN IT AND HAS MADE CERTAIN EFFORTS FOR A QUICK RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER. AND THESE EFFORTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.

Q: IS THE SITE OF THE BILATERAL TALKS KNOWN? KISSINGER CAME AFTER TALKING TO BITSIOS--DO WE KNOW WHAT THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER THINKS ON THIS SUBJECT?

A: HE HAS TALKED WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER. HE DID NOT MENTION IF HE HAS TALKED WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT WHERE THE TALKS MIGHT TAKE PLACE. THE PLACE OF THE DISCUSSIONS FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW CAN BE NICOSIA OR THE CAPITAL OF ANOTHER CITY OF A NON-PARTISAN COUNTRY. HE WILL LEARN THAT WITHIN A FEW DAYS. THIS IS OUR POINT OF VIEW. WE DO NOT EXPECT MAJOR DIFFICULTIES ON THIS. IT WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Q: FROM YOUR STATEMENT, WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT BILATERAL TALKS WILL START IMMEDIATELY.

A: THE BILATERAL TALKS MUST START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL ADOPT SUCH A RESOLUTION TODAY...WILL ASK THAT THE BILATERAL TALKS START.

Q: YOU SAID "TODAY"?

A: YES, TODAY. IT SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY THIS EVENING BECAUSE UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM WAS TO GO TO PERU AND

HE POSTPONED HIS TRIP BECAUSE OF THIS RESOLUTION...IN ANY CASE WE WILL LEARN ABOUT IT BY TOMORROW MORNING. THE UN RESOLUTION, DISREGARDING SOME VIEWS SUGGESTING PARTICIPATION OF OTHER NATIONS, WILL BE ADOPTED AND IT WILL SUGGEST RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER SOME KIND OF FORMULA.

Q: WHAT WILL THE WALDHEIM ROLE BE IN THIS MATTER?

A: WALDHEIM HAS ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER. HE HAS A TERM FOR IT -- GOOD OFFICES. DESPITE THE OUTCOME, UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS ROLE WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE WILL CONTINUE. THIS MEANS HE OPENS THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A FORMAL SPEECH AND PRESIDES OVER ONE OR TWO MEETINGS AND THEN HIS REPRESENTATIVE, LOUIS WECKMANN PARTICIPATES IN THE REST OF THE MEETINGS.

Q: DID YOU TALK ABOUT THE BASES?

A: NO, NO. WE DID NOT TALK ABOUT THE BASES.

(BEGIN ENGLISH ORIGINAL)

Q: AS FOR THE QUESTION OF ONE OR TWO REPORTEERS, DID SECRETARY KISSINGER GIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION TO ASST. SEC. HARTMAN TO GO TO ATHENS?

A: NO, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. HE DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT MR. HARTMAN GOING TO GREECE. BUT I THINK MR. HARTMAN WILL BE GOING TO BRUSSELS TO EXPEDITE THE URGENT SUPPLY SITUATION.

Q: WILL THERE BE ANY NEW COUNTER-PROPOSALS FROM TURKEY TO GREECE AS A RESULT OF THESE TALKS?

A: WELL, THERE WREN'T REALLY ANY DEFINITE GREEK PROPOSALS SO THAT I DON'T SEE ANY REASON FOR US TO MAKE COUNTER-PROPOSALS. THIS IS JUST A TESTING PERIOD.

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Q: COULD YOU BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE IN ENGLISH THE RESULTS OF YOUR MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY?

A: WELL, I THINK IT WAS VERY FRUITFUL. HE EXPRESSED HIS FEELINGS ABOUT THE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP AND ITS IMPORTANCE. HE WAS STRONGLY FOR REPEALING THE PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION AND FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF AID IN THE SAME WAY THAT IT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO TURKEY IN PAST YEARS AND NOT PIECEMEAL AID EXTENSION FOR 40 DAYS, 50 DAYS, 60 DAYS. HE IS, I THINK, VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE NEW PROCESS FOR REPEALING THE EARLIER ACTION AND TO RETURN TO THE OLD, .. SOLID, LONGTERM RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY (END ENGLISH)

Q: THE BASIS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS IS A FEDERATION BASED ON TWO REGIONS, ISN'T IT?

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A: YES, YES.

Q: CAN THERE BE A CONCESSION ON THIS SUBJECT?

A: NO, IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

Q: WAS BITSIOS OR THE GREEK SIDE PERSUADED ON THIS BASIS?

A. IN ORDER TO SAY THAT THE GREEK SIDE WAS PERSUADED ON THIS BASIS ONE SHOULD BE SITTING AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE. IF SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE, AN ATMOSPHERE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IS CREATED IT WILL MEAN THAT THE GREEK SIDE HAS AGREED ON SUCH A BASIS, THAT IS, BIZONAL FEDERATION. SINCE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TODAY, IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER TO SAY THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AGREED ON A BIZONAL FEDERAL STATE.

Q: THEN IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD WHEN NEGOTIATIONS START?

A: YES, I BELIEVE THIS WILL BE UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS START.

Q: DESPITE THE ATTITUDE OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, WHAT ARE THE GREEK REASONS FOR AGREEMENT TO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS?

A: FIRST OF ALL, IT IS BECAUSE OF TURKEY'S DETERMINED ATTITUDE, THE DETERMINED ATTITUDE OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS, ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDERATED STATE WHICH ILLUSTRATED THEIR CHARACTER TO WORK PUBLIC OPINION IN A CLEARER MANNER, AND THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE WAS GRANTED MORE TIME TO EXPLAIN THE VIEWS AND PROBLEMS OF HIS COMMUNITY IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. THUS THE EXISTENCE OF ANOTHER COMMUNITY LIVING ON THE ISLAND HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD BETTER BY WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. THE PROCLAMATION OF A FEDERATED TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE -- ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT LEGALLY REPRESENT A SEPARATE STATE SINCE IT'S PART OF A FEDERAL SYSTEM -- HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THIS DEVELOPMENT. NOW THE WORLD IS LOOKING AT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY MORE REALISTICALLY. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT ITS EXISTENCE ON THE ISLAND, AND NATURALLY, TURKEY HAS STOOD BEHIND THIS TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. AND IT'S UNAVOIDABLE THAT THE GREEKS AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO WENT TO NEW YORK WITH BIG PLANS, MUST RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES REALIZING THAT THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANS FAILED AND WERE NOT ACCEPTED.

Q: WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW? ARE WE GOING TO WAIT FOR THE US CONGRESS TO ADOPT ANOTHER RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AID, AND ARE WE GOING TO BE SATISFIED WITH THIS, OR ARE WE GOING TO TRY OTHER SOURCES, E.G. NATO AND THE ALLIES, FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ARMS, OR ARE WE GOING TO ACTIVATE CERTAIN COUNTER-MEASURES?

A: THE REALITY CONTAINS THESE THREE POINTS: ON THE ONE HAND, THERE ARE CERTAIN IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF TURKEY WHICH SHOULD BE MET BY HER EUROPEAN ALLIES IN NATO. THIS HAS BECOME A PROBLEM OF NATO. WE EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO THEM AND ARE AWAITING THEIR REPLY. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT WE MAY GET SOME RESULTS. SECONDLY, THERE IS A NEW MOVEMENT IN THE US CONGRESS, AND THERE IS THE GUARANTEE OF THE US GOVERNMENT AND THERE IS ALSO A GUARANTEE THAT THIS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. AND, THIRDLY, WE HAVE OUR OWN MEASURES. AND THESE MEASURES WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPLEMENTED. BUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE MEASURES ON THE TECHNICAL LEVEL WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT. THESE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN UP TO HIGHER ECHELONS, SUCH AS THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, THESE THREE MOVES WILL CONTINUE IN THEIR SEPARATE CHANNELS

THE OUTCOME OF THOSE THREE MOVES, IN OTHER WORDS, WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE IMPLEMENTED, WILL BE KNOWN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME TODAY.

Q: ARE YOU GOING TO TEHERAN?

A: TODAY IF POSSIBLE, IF NOT I WILL GO TOMORROW.

Q: IS HE GOING TO STOP OVER IN CYPRUS?

A: I DON'T THINK SO; HE IS FLYING TO TEL AVIV. HE WILL LEAVE FOR TEL AVIV, AS SPECIFIED, IN THE AFTERNOON.

(BEGIN ENGLISH ORIGINAL)

Q: WHAT WAS AGREED ON CYPRUS IN YOUR TALKS TODAY?

A: THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT. HE DIDN'T COME HERE TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH US. HE JUST EXPLAINED HIS IMPRESSIONS OF HIS TALKS WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER. NOW HE HAS AN UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERSTANDING OF OUR OWN ATTITUDE AND HOW HE CAN COPE WITH THE SITUATION. WE DIDN'T MAKE AN AGREEMENT AND HE DIDN'T EXPECT AN AGREEMENT.

Q: HAVE YOU BEEN COMMUNICATING TO GREECE THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO RESUME TALKS ON CYPRUS?

A: WELL, THE TALKS WILL BE RESUMED BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FIRST; BUT IN DUE TIME, WHEN THERE IS ENOUGH PROGRESS, WE WILL BE READY TO START NEGOTIATING WITH THE GREEKS. (END ENGLISH)

Q: DID SECRETARY KISSINGER GO INTO DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS?

A: NO, WE DID NOT GO INTO THE DETAILS, FOR THE TIME WAS NOT RIGHT FOR GOING INTO DETAILS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO NOT THINK WE WILL GO INTO DETAILS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR TALKS WITH MR. KISSINGER. THE DETAILS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AND AGREED ON BY THE PARTICIPATING PARTIES ONLY. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THE START OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE NOW AT THIS STAGE: THE DETAILS WILL BE DETERMINED LATER. AND I DON'T THINK MR. KISSINGER WAS INTERESTED IN THE DETAILS.

Q: (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

A: SIR, THESE ARE SPECULATIONS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. I HAVE TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THE BASIC POINTS AS MUCH AS I CAN WHILE ANSWERING THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS.

Q: DO YOU THINK SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ANKARA HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN THE GRECO-TURKISH RAPPROCHEMENT?

A: IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY THAT IT WAS CLEARLY HELPFUL. CERTAINLY THERE WILL BE RESERVATIONS IN RELATING SOMEONE ELSE'S

VIEWS AND INTENTIONS. WE DO BELIEVE IN THE NECESSITY OF SUCH RESERVATIONS AND SECRETARY KISSINGER DID NOT SAY THERE WAS NO NEED FOR SUCH RESERVATIONS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN LEARNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OTHER (GREEK) SIDE, AND THEIR MOOD. BUT, THIS WAS DONE UNDER CERTAIN RESERVATIONS.
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Q: DID SECRETARY KISSINGER SUGGEST BRINGING YOU AND GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS TOGETHER?

A: NO, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THAT, BECAUSE, SOONER OR LATER, WE WILL HAVE TO GET TOGETHER OVER THE AEGEAN ISSUE. THUS, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ANOTHER PERSON TO BRING US TOGETHER.
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